This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-18 and 26 (Cancelled)

Claims 19-25 (No change)

Claim 27 (New) An ink jet recording medium having a water-color ink accepting layer formed on a substrate, wherein a dye fixing agent contained in the water-color ink accepting layer is a hydrotalcite compound containing a silicic acid anion and a sulfuric acid ion, or a silicic acid anion as an anion(s).

Claim 28 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound contains a silicic acid anion and a sulfuric acid ion, or a silicic acid anion in an amount of 10 to 98 mol% based on the total of all the anions.

Claim 29 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound contains a silicic acid anion and a sulfuric acid ion, or a silicic acid anion in an amount of 20 to 98 mol% based on the total of all the anions.

Claim 30 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound contains a silicic acid anion and a sulfuric acid ion in an amount of 10 to 98 mol% based on the total of all the anions and a silicic acid ion in an amount of 5 to 100 mol% based on the total of the silicic acid anion and the sulfuric acid ion.

Claim 31 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound has an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 10μm.

Claim 32 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound is represented by the following formula (I):

$$M^{II}_{1-x}Al_x(OH)_2(A_1^{n-})_a(A_2^{m-})_b \cdot yH_2O \quad (I)$$

wherein M^{II} is Mg^{2+} and/or Zn^{2+}, A_1^{n-} is a silicic acid anion having a valence of n and a sulfuric acid ion (SO_4^{2-}), or a silicic acid anion having a valence of n, with the proviso that the silicic acid anion having a valence of n is an anion selected from the group consisting of SiO_3^{2-}, $HSiO_3^-$, $Si_2O_5^{2-}$ and $HSi_2O_5^-$, A_2^{m-} is an anion selected from the group consisting of CO_3^{2-}, NO_3^-, Cl^- and OH^-, x and y satisfy $0.15 < x \leq 0.80$ and $0 < y < 2$, and a and b satisfy $0.15 < na + mb \leq 0.80$.

Claim 33 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound is represented by the following formula (I-a):

$$M^{II}_{1-x}Al_x(OH)_2(A_1^{n-})_a(A_2^{m-})_b \cdot yH_2O \quad (I\text{-}a)$$

wherein M^{II} is Mg^{2+} and/or Zn^{2+}, A_1^{n-} is a silicic acid anion having a valence of n and a sulfuric acid ion (SO_4^{2-}), or a silicic acid anion having a valence of n, with the proviso that the silicic acid anion having a valence of n is an anion selected from the group consisting of SiO_3^{2-}, $HSiO_3^-$, $Si_2O_5^{2-}$ and $HSi_2O_5^-$, A_2^{m-} is an anion selected from the group consisting of CO_3^{2-}, NO_3^-, Cl^- and OH^-, x and y satisfy $0.50 < x \leq 0.80$ and $0 < y < 2$, and a and b satisfy $0.50 < na + mb \leq 0.80$.

Claim 34 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 33, wherein in the formula (I-a), the silicic acid anion and the sulfuric acid ion, or the silicic acid anion accounts for

10 to 98 mol% of the total of all the anion (A_1^{n-} + A_2^{m-}).

Claim 35 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 33, wherein the hydrotalcite compound has a BET specific surface area of 50 to 400 m^2/g.

Claim 36 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 33, wherein the hydrotalcite compound has a total pore volume (N_2 gas adsorption method) of 0.50 to 2.00 ml/g.

Claim 37 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 33, wherein the hydrotalcite compound has an average pore radius (N_2 gas adsorption method) of 4 to 15 nm.

Claim 38 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 33, wherein the hydrotalcite compound has an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 10 μm.

Claim 39 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 27, wherein the hydrotalcite compound is represented by the following formula (I-b):

$$M^{II}_{1-x}Al_x(OH)_2(A_1^{n-})_a(A_2^{m-})_b \cdot yH_2O \quad (I\text{-}b)$$

wherein M^{II} is Mg^{2+} and/or Zn^{2+}, A_1^{n-} is a silicic acid anion having a valence of n and a sulfuric acid ion (SO_4^{2-}), or a silicic acid anion having a valence of n, with the proviso that the silicic acid anion having a valence of n is an anion selected from the group consisting of SiO_3^{2-}, $HSiO_3^-$, $Si_2O_5^{2-}$ and $HSi_2O_5^-$, A_2^{m-} is an anion selected from the group consisting of CO_3^{2-} , NO_3^-, Cl^- and OH^-, x and y satisfy $0.15 < x \leq 0.50$ and $0 < y < 2$, and a and b satisfy $0.15 < na + mb \leq 0.50$.

Claim 40 (New) The ink jet recording medium according to claim 39, wherein the hydrotalcite compound has an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 10 μm.